

goal come about. Her persistent positive attitude coupled with her zest for life has been a blessing to our entire community.

Hinds Hospice has expanded to include outpatient care in Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties. A Pediatric Hospice Program has been created to help families with terminally ill children. Other programs include an Angel Babies Program, Center for Grief and Loss, Multicultural Outreach, Physician Education, Prison Hospice, and Thrift Stores. For over 30 years, Hinds Hospice has touched thousands of lives by providing support, compassion, hope, and comfort during some of the most painful times for a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Nancy Hinds for her leadership, vision, and service. We thank Nancy today for her outstanding contributions to the San Joaquin Valley, and to the entire world.

RECOGNITION OF JEROME AND KATHY HAMLIN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerome and Kathy Hamlin on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jerome and Kathy Hamlin are proud parents of two, Tyrone, age 49 and Ray, age 48, and grandparents of four, John, age 24, DJ, age 19, RL, age 15, and Asia, age 10.

Jerome and Kathy Hamlin were married on September 22nd, 1962 at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch, New Jersey. Jerome Hamlin was a graduate of Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina before moving to Long Branch in 1960. He then went on to receive degrees from Brookdale Community College and Shaw University. Kathy Hamlin is a lifelong resident of Long Branch, and graduated from Long Branch High School in 1962. Mrs. Hamlin worked as an associate for A&S Clinique Cosmetics. Mr. Hamlin was a detective and sergeant in the Long Branch Police Department for twenty-five years, as well as a special projects coordinator for the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Currently, Kathy Hamlin is actively involved in interior design, while Jerome Hamlin spends his time practicing photography. Despite raising two children and working full time jobs, Kathy and Jerome Hamlin, along with other members of the Hamlin family, have been actively involved in the local community in Long Branch for a number of years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating Jerome and Kathy Hamlin on their 50th wedding anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Kathy and Jerome continued health, happiness, and success.

RECOGNIZING 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF MATTHEW SHEPARD AND JAMES BYRD, JR. HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 3rd anniversary of the passing of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. On October 28, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which I cosponsored and voted for when it was passed by a Democratic led Congress on October 8, 2009 as part of the 2010 Defense Authorization Act.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act greatly expands the 1969 United States Federal Hate-Crime Law to include crimes motivated by the victim's perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. The bill expands prosecution beyond instances of federally protected activities, enables the federal government greater freedom in prosecuting cases that local authorities do not pursue, and is the first federal law to extend protection to transgender persons.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act is named for Matthew Shepard, a 19-year-old gay man from Wyoming who was beaten and left for dead, and James Byrd, Jr., a 49-year-old African American man from Texas who was beaten and dragged behind a truck until he was dead.

This legislation which was first introduced in Congress a decade ago marks a proud step forward for our nation in strengthening the dignity and personal rights of all Americans. It is a matter of simple justice, one that says violence against people based on individual variations like race, gender, sexual orientation, military status and religion will not be tolerated.

Mr. Speaker, I represent an exceptionally diverse district. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act is especially important to me in that it has, and will continue to, improve the safety of so many of the people I represent. From our LGBT community to our historic African American and Hispanic neighborhoods, this law improves the protection of all of us against senseless violence based on bias and hate.

CONGRATULATING JOHN VOLPI FOR BEING NAMED TOP CTO OF THE YEAR

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize and congratulate Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Lone Star, John Volpi, for being named Corporate CTO of the Year at this year's Tech Titans awards ceremony. John received this distinguished award in recognition for his outstanding contributions in the technology development industry.

On Friday, August 24, 2012, the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC), the largest technology trade association in Texas, hosted its 12th annual Tech Titans gala. This black-tie affair was launched in 2001 in order to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding tech companies and individuals throughout Texas. Each year leaders from more than 4,000 tech companies meet to celebrate the cutting edge achievements of the more than 10,000 corporations that are headquartered in North Texas, making the North Texas region the largest concentration of corporate headquarters in the U.S.

A co-founder of Lone Star, John Volpi is responsible for managing the company's technical innovation resources. John has played a significant role in shaping Lone Star as a leader in next generation technology development within the defense and telecommunications industries, and has helped the company gain international recognition for its decision analysis and business modeling services.

Throughout his career, John has spent over 40 years leading or providing critical support in the development of groundbreaking technologies. "This acknowledges a lifetime of excellence," said Lone Star CEO, Steve Roerman. "Our firm is recognized in business and technology decision support because of John's innovations in TruNavigator, the only 4th generation decision analysis toolset."

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating John Volpi, Chief Technology Officer of Lone Star, for his lifetime achievements. I wish him continued success as he continues to pioneer technology development around the country.

RECOGNIZING ARPANA SATYU

HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Arpana Satyu. She is the owner of Dutch Monkey Doughnuts, a small business in Cumming, Georgia, that specializes in making fresh, hand-rolled gourmet doughnuts.

Dutch Monkey Doughnuts was recently named by American Express as one of the top five small businesses, among a group of nearly 12,000 businesses, in the country. This is a tremendous honor, and one that is well-deserved.

There is no doubt that times are tough economically everywhere we look, and yet Dutch Monkey Doughnuts stands as a ray of hope and achievement. When she set out to create Dutch Monkey Doughnuts, Ms. Satyu not only wanted to make the best doughnuts in the country, she wanted to create a business that would bring people together. She wanted to make a difference in her community, and she succeeded in doing that. I am proud to share her story with the nation.

I am especially impressed with Ms. Satyu's response to being named as a winner of the American Express small business competition. When American Express awarded Dutch Monkey Doughnuts a cash prize for its fifth place finish, Ms. Satyu expressed that she is very grateful for receiving the monetary award, but